# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2403**

January 19, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any covered generator from disposing of a mercury-added consumer product as solid waste. Requires covered generators to ship mercury waste to a permitted universal waste destination facility or a permitted hazardous waste management facility. Requires mercury waste to be managed as universal waste or hazardous waste prior to arrival at the permitted facility. Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to enforce compliance and to develop and publish educational materials on the effects of improper mercury disposal.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,300/One-Time/General Fund \$11,100/One-Time/Environmental Protection Fund \$63,100/Recurring/General Fund \$211,100/Recurring/Environmental Protection Fund

#### Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation, four additional positions would be required as a result of this bill (one new Environmental Specialist 3 in each of the three grand divisions and one new Clerk 3 to support them).
- One-time expenditures associated with the new positions are estimated to be \$3,600 (office landscaping) for each position, for a total of \$14,400 (4 x \$3,600).
- The increase to recurring state expenditures associated with the new positions is estimated to be \$274,200 (\$133,800 salary + \$45,500 benefits + \$94,900 operational costs)
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, the base year ratio for the Division of Solid Waste Management is 23 percent state appropriations and 77 percent Environmental Protection Fund.

# **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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